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MINUTES

FFCA North Middle School Council Minutes

Date | time March 19, 2018 | 7:13 pm *Meeting called to order by* Sharon Zerk (chair)

In Attendance

Council

Terri Sartori, Secretary/Hot Lunch Coordinator
Shannon Middlemiss, Hot Lunch Coordinator
Sharon Zerk, Chair
Jennifer Ho, Treasurer

Staff

John Deines, Principal
Shawna Drummond, Associate Principal
Danny Williamson, Teacher Representative

Guests

Sarah Stilborn

Absent

Susan Hendry, NMS Partnership Coordinator
Rhonda Rempel, Member at Large
Breanne Adkins, Community Coordinator
Sandy Truong, Vice Chair

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve March agenda as communicated.

- Motion – Shannon
 - Second – Terri
 - Motion to approve the March agenda was passed at 7:15 pm.
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Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve March 2018 minutes as distributed.

- Motion – Sharon
- Second – Shannon
 - Motion to approve March 2018 minutes was passed at 7:15 pm.

New Agenda Items

- Not applicable

Chair Update (Sharon)

- June 18 will be transition meeting for council

Teacher Representative (Danny)

- Parental Partnership group is looking to make front entrance more welcoming for parents. It would include some information for parents and they are still looking at what this should include. They would like to have this done by the end of the school year.
- They are doing a survey with the kids asking them what they would like to see with parental partnership. The survey will be about 3-4 questions. They've already completed surveys with the staff.
- The kids are still enjoying the token economy. Every year the program seems to grow, and the kids are very excited.

Fundraising (All)

- Coco Brooks fundraiser is being set up. It is not user friendly and concern that the private information is visible to everyone. This can be adjusted for future campaigns but due to time sensitive nature we may not be able to change it for this campaign.
- Decision to defer fundraiser to next year due to tight timelines and desire to tweak process before communicating it to parents.
- For next year would like to add money to the hot lunch. Previously we have raised up to \$2,500. This will be brought up to next year's council.
- Motion to approve increasing the Annual General Meeting budget from \$50 to \$70
 - Motion - Shannon
 - Second - Sharon
 - Motion to increase AGM budget to \$70 was approved

Community (Breanne)

- No update

Treasurer Update (Jennifer)

- Statement of Operations and Balance Sheet handed out at meeting.
- Council has agreed by email to fund the Grade 8 photo booth.
- Motion to approve \$140 towards the purchase of 14 Tim Horton's gift cards for bus driver appreciation. These cards will be handed out on the first day of the last week of school.
 - Motion - Sharon
 - Second - Shannon

- Motion to approve \$140 for bus driver appreciation was approved

Hot Lunch (Shannon/Terri)

- Hot lunch went well for 2 months in a row!!!! Mucho Burrito was early and well packed.
- Next month will be Booster Juice. However, this is on the same day as a grade 5 field trip. We will work with the vendor to see if we can deliver the effected classes on Thursday. For next year Shawna and John will try to remind teachers not to book field trips on casual days, if possible.

Parental Partnership (Susan)

- No update

Administration Update (John/Shawna)

- Thank you for the Teacher Appreciation lunch. It was a big highlight so thank you for all those that contributed. Next year's council may want to look at spanning it out over 4 days due to the amount of food delivered.
- Thank you to council for all that you do. We are sad to see those that are leaving go and look forward to working with those that are staying.

ASC Update (Terri)

- Decision to help with high school fundraising instead of approving a subsidy.
- Question about whether councils can email parents related to volunteer hours. This is being clarified and the answer will be communicated at the next ASC meeting.
- The FFCA "WE Day" will be tabled until next year.
- SWE raised over \$3,600 on coffee fundraiser. They had a fair for the grade 4 students and money was donated to Humboldt. Question about hosting an online auction as Facebook may be an option now and this will be looked into.
- NWE hosted a movie night and Cineplex Odeon provided the popcorn at no cost. The drinking water station was installed.
- All new portables that FFCA asked for were approved with the exception of the High School (due to possible renovations).
- SEE had a successful Beef Jerky fundraiser and raised over \$5,000. Great Parenting show is coming up next week.
- Message from the Superintendent
 - Budget allowed additional funding for growth only. There was no new money for Charter schools or the high school. The government seems to be placing a premium on choice.
 - Only hiring for 8 positions next year so attrition is very low. This continuity of staff is great news as our teachers are our best asset.
 - 11 new (to us) modular are coming.
 - The Australian were touring FFCA.
 - The meeting with the deputy minister went well and reinforces that Charter schools are here to stay.
- Board update

- High School funding is at 2/3. To get the remaining 1/3 parents should pressure their MLA and let them know what FFCA means to them.
- There was a survey sent out related to busing costs including a question about subsidies for charter schools. It was not clear who could respond to this survey.

Next Meeting

June 18, 2018

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Goals of Parent Council...

To increase Parental Partnership involvement and have all families feel welcomed.

To make sure that our students are number one in all our decision making.